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DETAILED ACTION

1. The proposed After Final amendment, filed on 02/08/2008, will not be entered because it raises new issues for further consideration, such as 112 2nd paragraph rejection of claim 1, lack antecedent for "the draining port" and the objection of claim 12, for the last 5 words seem to be redundant.
2. The objection of claims 9 and 16-18 on page 11 of the final action, mailed on 11/09/2007, is repeated below:
3. Claims 9 and 16-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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